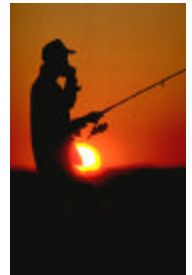
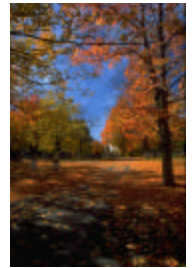
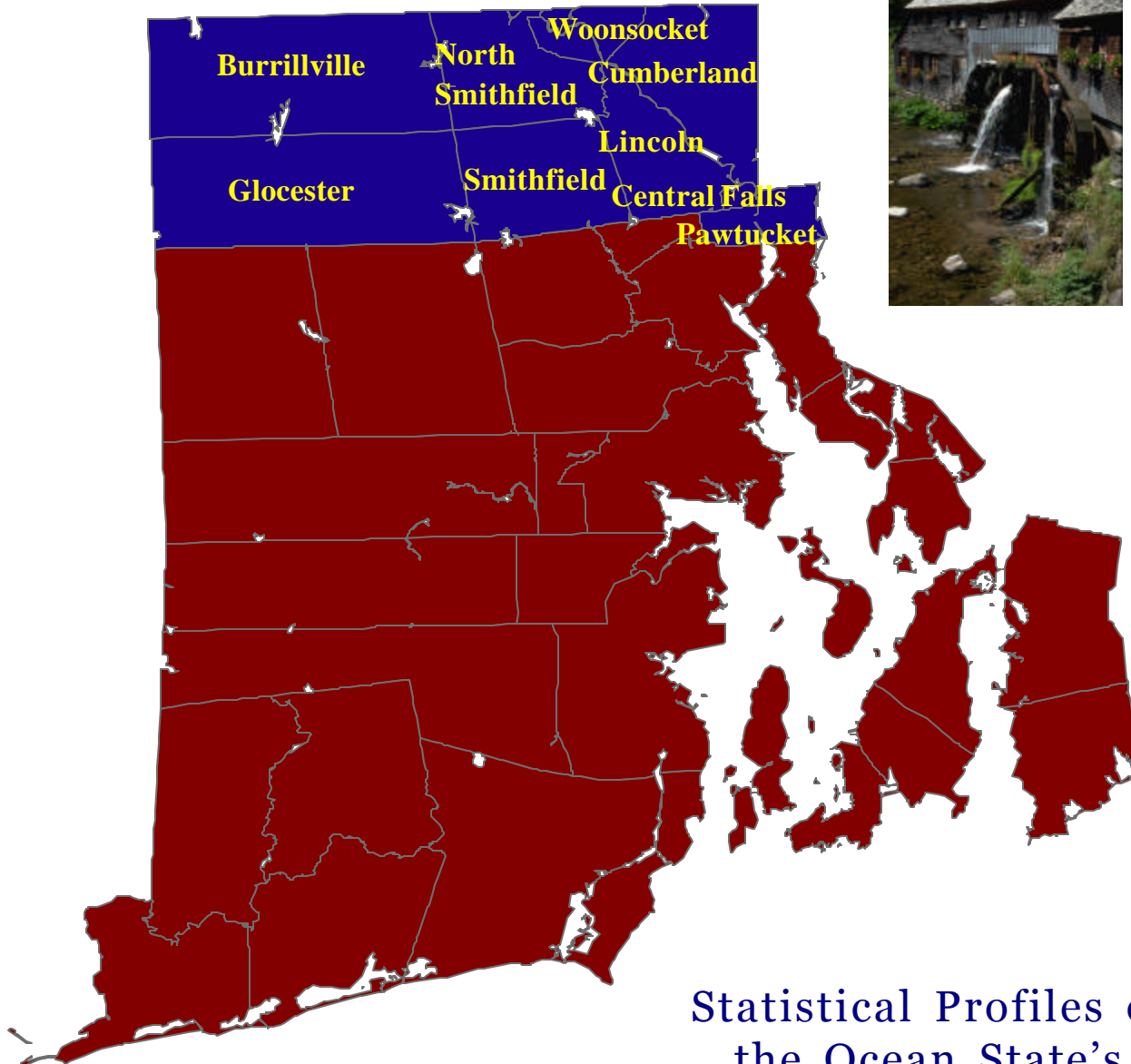




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Introduction

*The Labor Market Information Unit of the
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Statistical Profiles of the Ocean State's Northern Communities

During the past decade, Rhode Island and its people have experienced significant social and economic change. From Burrillville to Block Island, from Woonsocket to Westerly, recent demographic and employment trends have impacted the lives of all Rhode Islanders.

Incorporating information collected by the United States Department of Commerce and the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, **State of the State: Northern Rhode Island** depicts changes that occurred during the final decade of the twentieth century and into the new millennium. Population diversity based on age, sex, race and ethnicity, as well as educational attainment, labor force statistics and English language proficiency* of local residents, is encapsulated in the statistical profiles for each of Northern Rhode Island's nine communities.

State of the State: Northern Rhode Island shows how the region continues to evolve through population diversity, education, and employment.



* English language proficiency, or the ability to "Speak English" – Under our definition, an individual is considered to be proficient in the English language if the "Language Spoken at Home" is English, or if in addition to a native language spoken at home, the individual speaks English "well" or "very well."

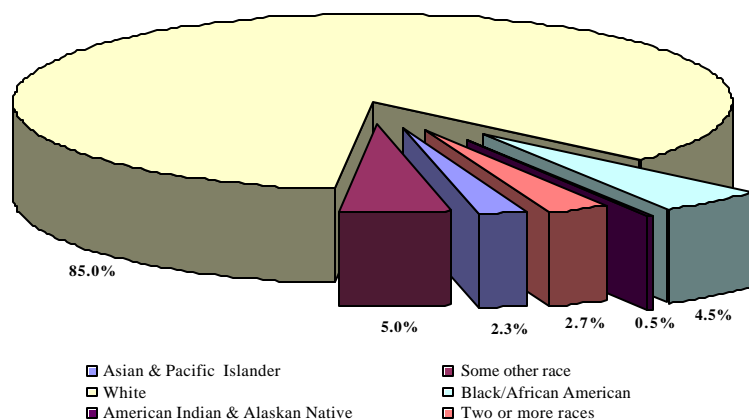
Overview: The Ocean State

Rhode Island, located along the I-95 corridor in southeastern New England, is a desirable location for residence, business and relaxation. Narragansett Bay serves as a natural gateway to the Atlantic, providing employers with convenient access to the eastern seaboard and ports around the world. With miles of sandy beaches, picturesque rocky shoreline and history around every corner, the Ocean State is a popular vacation spot for travelers near and far. Its rich, diverse culture is reflected in the eclectic mix of shops and restaurants scattered throughout Rhode Island's many neighborhoods and villages. A growing economy, diverse citizenry and revitalized culture continues to make Rhode Island a delightful place for people to live and work.

Between 1990 and 2000, Rhode Island's population continued to grow and diversify with the addition of 44,855 (+4.5%) residents. Large numeric gains occurred among the Black/African American (+8,047) and Asian & Pacific Islander (+5,907) groups. The White population was the only racial group to decrease in size during the ten-year period. Their share of the total population fell from 91.4 percent in 1990 to 85.0 percent in 2000.

In terms of ethnicity, the Hispanic/Latino community, which spans multiple racial groups, nearly doubled in size during this period and accounted for 8.7 percent of all Rhode Islanders in 2000. In 1990, just 4.6 percent of residents fell into this group. Of the state's 90,820 Hispanic/Latino residents, 28.0 percent were Puerto Rican, 6.5 percent Mexican, and 1.2 percent Cuban.

Rhode Island Population Diversity, 2000



On a community basis, the largest numerical gains occurred in the capital city of Providence (+12,890), followed by South Kingstown (+3,290), Cranston (+3,209), and Lincoln (+2,853). On a percentage basis, West Greenwich (+45.6%), Richmond (+35.0%), and Charlestown (+21.3%) reported the largest increases. Seven communities experienced a decline in population during this period, including Middletown (-2,126), Newport (-1,752), and East Providence (-1,692).

The Census Bureau's most recent estimates show a continued upward trend in the state's total population. In July 2003, an estimated 1,076,164 people lived in Rhode Island, 2.7 (+27,845) percent more than reported in the 2000 Census.

Census Demographic Data

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Population		
Total Population	1,003,464	1,048,319
Male	481,496	503,635
Female	521,968	544,684
16 years +	801,625	827,797
25 years +	657,416	693,890
65 years +	150,547	152,402
White	917,375	891,191
Black/African American	38,861	46,908
American Indian & Alaskan Native	4,071	5,121
Asian & Pacific Islander	18,325	24,232
Some other race	24,832	52,616
Two or more races	-	28,251
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	45,752	90,820

Educational Attainment

Population (25+)	658,956	694,573
< 9th grade	72,842	56,312
9th-12th, no diploma	111,502	96,774
High School graduate	194,064	192,914
Some college, no degree	99,092	122,261
Associate Degree	41,296	48,495
Bachelor's Degree	88,634	110,175
Graduate/Prof. Degree	51,526	67,642

Labor Force Data

Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	565,866	
Employment	538,971	
Unemployment	26,895	
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	
% Employed Outside of RI	12.2%	14.4%

Language Spoken at Home, 2000

Population (18-64)	648,091	100.0%
Speak English	618,968	95.5%
Speak Spanish	18,390	2.8%
Speak Other Indo-European	7,347	1.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	2,974	0.5%
Speak other languages	412	0.1%

Overview: The Ocean State continued...

In 2000, 95.5 percent of Ocean State residents (age 18 to 64) reported having a proficient understanding of the English language. Under our definition, English proficiency includes not only those who speak just English, but also those people who speak another language AND English “well” or “very well.” For example, of the 52,939 (8.2%) Rhode Islanders who spoke some level of Spanish at home, 42.9 percent (22,728) also spoke English “very well” and an additional 22.3 percent (11,821) spoke English “well.” In contrast, 34.7 percent (18,390) of the State’s Spanish-speaking population spoke English “not well” or “not at all.”

There was noticeable improvement in the educational attainment of Ocean State residents 25 years and older. Between 1990 and 2000, the share of people with college degrees (associate, bachelor, and graduate) was on the rise, increasing from 27.5 percent to 32.6 percent. The percentage of Rhode Islanders with some college-level education increased to 17.6 percent, while the share of residents without a high school diploma decreased from 28 percent in 1990 to 22 percent in 2000.

Between 1992 and 2002, private sector employers added 43,685 jobs to the local economy, a 12.1 percent increase. Thirty-three communities reported gains in annual average employment during this period, led by Warwick (+7,734), Cranston (+5,227), and Smithfield (+3,850). Six cities and towns reported total private sector job losses, including Pawtucket (-3,229), Central Falls (-1,569), and Woonsocket (-737). On an industry basis, job gains were noted in nearly all sectors of the economy, with the largest occurring in Services (+31,113), Retail Trade (+17,757), and Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate (+7,358). Manufacturing (-24,550) was the only major sector to report job losses between 1992 and 2002.

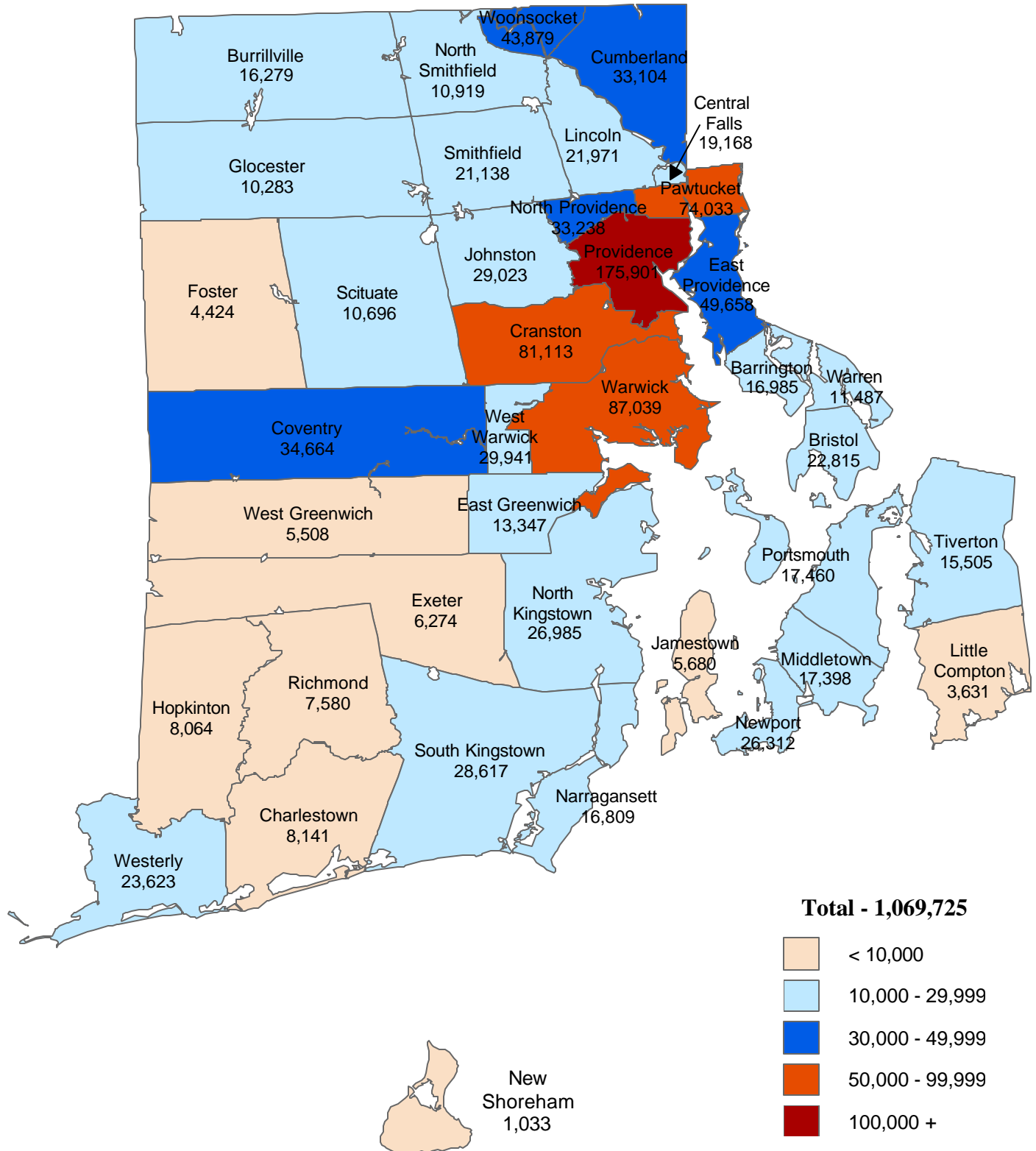
In 2000, 14.4 percent of Rhode Island’s workforce was employed out of state compared to 12.2 percent in 1990. Of these 70,621 commuters, 79.5 percent travelled to Massachusetts and 16.0 percent to Connecticut.

Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English, 2000		
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
18 to 64 years old	648,091	
<u>Speak only English</u>	521,515	
% of age group	80.5%	
<u>Speak Spanish</u>	52,939	
% of age group	8.2%	
Speak English "very well"	22,728	42.9%
Speak English "well"	11,821	22.3%
Speak English "not well"	12,418	23.5%
Speak English "not at all"	5,972	11.3%
<u>Speak Other Indo-European</u>	54,854	
% of age group	8.5%	
Speak English "very well"	35,624	64.9%
Speak English "well"	11,883	21.7%
Speak English "not well"	6,536	11.9%
Speak English "not at all"	811	1.5%
<u>Speak Asian/Pacific Island</u>	14,317	
% of age group	2.2%	
Speak English "very well"	7,005	48.9%
Speak English "well"	4,338	30.3%
Speak English "not well"	2,591	18.1%
Speak English "not at all"	383	2.7%
<u>Speak other languages</u>	4,466	
% of age group	0.7%	
Speak English "very well"	3,147	70.5%
Speak English "well"	907	20.3%
Speak English "not well"	361	8.1%
Speak English "not at all"	51	1.1%

<i>Private Sector Employment</i>	<i>1992</i>			<i>2002</i>		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	29,419	360,394	\$23,391	33,501	404,079	\$33,226
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	661	2,502	\$17,788	853	3,702	\$24,620
Construction	3,525	12,223	\$29,321	3,529	18,966	\$41,385
Manufacturing	2,946	89,346	\$27,521	2,462	64,796	\$39,230
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	863	14,423	\$28,747	1,113	16,158	\$38,821
Wholesale Trade	2,919	17,923	\$31,145	3,147	18,734	\$46,225
Retail Trade	6,379	72,889	\$14,060	6,339	90,646	\$19,465
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,913	24,395	\$30,829	2,377	31,753	\$49,786
Services	9,870	125,734	\$22,239	12,342	156,847	\$32,390

Rhode Island Population

July 1, 2002 Census Bureau Estimates



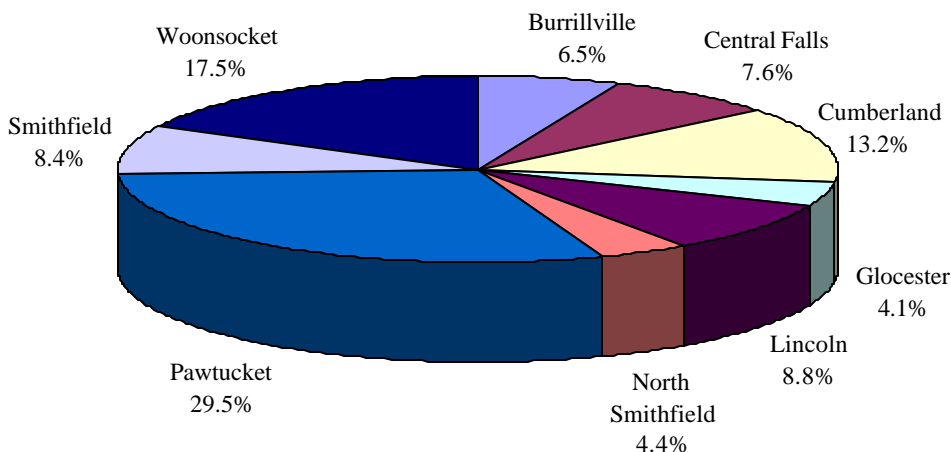
A Closer Look...

For the purposes of this publication, Northern Rhode Island is comprised of nine communities: Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Glocester, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Smithfield, and Woonsocket. Bordering Massachusetts to the north and Connecticut to the west, the region offers a unique combination of urban and rural lifestyles with a diverse and growing economy.

In 2000, the communities of Northern Rhode Island had a combined population of 244,823 people, an increase of 8,465 people over its 1990 level. However, this 3.6 percent growth rate was somewhat less than the increase experienced by the state as a whole (4.5%). Also, Northern Rhode Island's share of statewide population declined slightly, falling from 23.6 percent in 1990 to 23.4 percent in 2000.

Between 1990 and 2000, regional population growth was most pronounced in Lincoln (+15.8%) and Cumberland (+9.6%). Pawtucket, Northern Rhode Island's most populated community, grew by just four-tenths of a percent, while Burrillville (-2.7%) and Woonsocket (-1.5%) each reported a loss in population during this period.

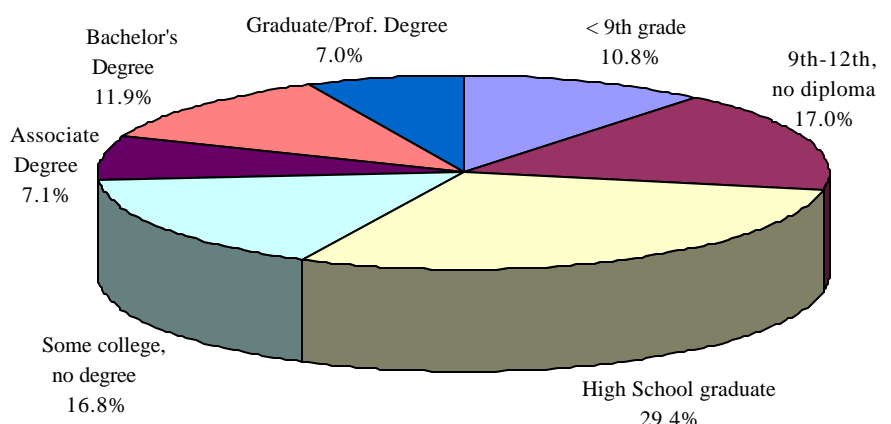
Northern Rhode Island's Population by Community
Census Bureau Estimates: July 1, 2002



Recent Census Bureau population estimates have shown that population growth in Northern Rhode Island has begun to exceed that of the entire state. In 2002, an estimated 250,774 people lived in one of the region's nine cities and towns, 2.4 percent (+5,951) more than reported in the 2000 Census. During this period, statewide population grew by 2.0 percent (+21,406).

Similar to the state as a whole, approximately 85 percent of Northern Rhode Island's population was White in 2000, a decline of 8.2 percentage points from 1990. During this period, the region's Black/African American community increased by 87.5 percent (+4,195), accounting for 3.7 percent of Northern Rhode Island's total population in 2000. Notable population growth was also reported among the Asian & Pacific Islander (+1,055) community, which experienced a 43.0 percent increase in regional population during the 1990's. In 2000, just over ten percent (24,660) of Northern Rhode Island residents were of Hispanic or Latino decent, a significant increase from what was reported a decade earlier (5.2%).

Educational Attainment in Northern Rhode Island, 2000
25 years and older



Educational attainment levels of Northern Rhode Island residents (25 years and older) showed some signs of improvement between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, more than one-quarter (42,285) of regional residents held a college degree (associate, bachelor, or graduate), compared to 22.1 percent ten years earlier. Also, the share of Northern Rhode Islanders without a high school diploma or GED declined from 34.3 percent in 1990 to 27.8 percent in 2000.

Northern Rhode Island

Between 1992 and 2002, more than 5,200 jobs were added by private sector businesses located in Northern Rhode Island. This 7.1 percent increase, however, was significantly less than employment growth experienced throughout the state as a whole (+12.1%). On a sector basis, Services establishments added 5,115 jobs to the region's economy, a 27.0 percent increase. Jobs in the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sector more than doubled (+4,272) during this period, as did the employment level in Construction (+2,213). Since 1992, Northern Rhode Island's Retail Trade establishments have reported a 12.5 percent (+1,950) increase in total employment, while the number of jobs in the Transportation, Communications, & Public Utilities (+711) and Agriculture, Forestry, & Fisheries (+150) sectors increased as well.

Some of this job growth was offset by significant losses in Northern Rhode Island's Manufacturing industries. In 1992, the region was home to just over 28,000 Manufacturing jobs, accounting for 38.2 percent of total private sector employment in Northern Rhode Island. Within a decade, the number of Manufacturing jobs in the region had fallen by 31.7 percent (-8,867) and the sector's share of total private sector employment had fallen to just 24.4 percent. Northern Rhode Island's Wholesale Trade business also reported job losses during this period, decreasing their employment levels by 4.1 percent (-139).

Three of the six Ocean State communities which reported a decline in total private sector employment between 1992 and 2002 were located in Northern Rhode Island - Pawtucket (-3,229), Central Falls (-1,569), and Woonsocket (-737). These losses were offset by significant job growth in Smithfield (+3,850), Lincoln (+3,598), and Cumberland (+2,161). North Smithfield (+539), Burrillville (+420), and Glocester (+190) also reported private sector job growth during this period.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	236,358	244,823
Male	112,432	117,557
Female	123,926	127,266
16 years +	186,585	190,614
25 years +	155,328	162,529
65 years +	36,258	36,192
White	220,493	208,401
Black/African American	4,794	8,989
American Indian & Alaskan Native	415	598
Asian & Pacific Islander	2,456	3,511
Some other race	8,200	15,795
Two or more races	-	7,529
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	12,395	24,660
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	155,675	162,644
< 9th grade	23,075	17,525
9th-12th, no diploma	30,257	27,690
High School graduate	46,991	47,830
Some college, no degree	20,913	27,314
Associate Degree	10,062	11,623
Bachelor's Degree	16,307	19,337
Graduate/Prof. Degree	8,070	11,325
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	131,737	
Employment	124,580	
Unemployment	7,157	
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	
% Employed Outside of RI	20.4%	23.1%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	147,964	100.0%
Speak English	138,572	93.7%
Speak Spanish	5,814	3.9%
Speak Other Indo-European	2,937	2.0%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	501	0.3%
Speak Other Languages	140	0.1%

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	5,163	73,393	\$22,489	5,503	78,616	\$32,610
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	84	264	\$17,221	115	414	\$24,684
Construction	652	2,139	\$28,220	703	4,352	\$41,744
Manufacturing	662	28,015	\$25,748	556	19,148	\$37,275
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	153	2,345	\$28,263	185	3,056	\$37,511
Wholesale Trade	388	3,409	\$26,827	508	3,270	\$42,576
Retail Trade	1,255	15,662	\$16,236	1,118	17,612	\$23,257
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	316	2,529	\$26,678	387	6,801	\$48,245
Services	1,615	18,920	\$20,048	1,912	24,035	\$27,767

Burrillville

Burrillville is nestled in the northwest corner of Rhode Island and offers a charming New England lifestyle within a short distance of the area's major metropolitan areas. Its acres of open space, ponds, and woodlands, combined with residential villages such as Harrisville and Pascoag, make Burrillville a desirable location to both live and work.

The total population of Burrillville fell from 16,230 residents in 1990 to 15,796 in 2000, a 2.7 percent decline. The area is composed mainly of English-speaking, White residents, as racial minority groups account for just less than two percent of the local population. Less than one percent of the population is of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

In 2002, the Census Bureau estimated that 16,279 people lived in the community. This represented a 3.1 (+483) percent increase over the 2000 Census figure and was slightly higher than the town's 1990 population level.

Twenty-six percent of Burrillville residents aged 25 years and older held a college degree in 2000, up from 23.9 percent ten years earlier. Although the number of advanced degrees declined between 1990 and 2000, two-year and four-year college educations were on the rise. An additional 19 percent of residents reported the completion of some college courses.

Between 1992 and 2002, the community's private sector employers added 420 jobs to the local economy, a 22.1 percent increase. Burrillville was one of the few Ocean State localities to add Manufacturing jobs during this period, increasing sector employment by 37.3 (+157) percent. Notable employment growth was also reported in Retail Trade, which added 113 (+30.1%) jobs, and Wholesale Trade (+78), where sector employment tripled in size. A small number of jobs were lost in the local Agriculture, Forestry, & Fisheries and Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate sectors.

Census Demographic Data			
	1990	2000	
Population			
Total Population	16,230	15,796	
Male	7,987	7,749	
Female	8,243	8,047	
16 years +	12,207	12,301	
25 years +	10,360	10,533	
65 years +	2,033	1,800	
White	16,152	15,569	
Black/African American	17	34	
American Indian & Alaskan Native	21	31	
Asian & Pacific Islander	21	38	
Some other race	19	40	
Two or more races	-	84	
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	71	132	
Educational Attainment			
Population (25+)	10,364	10,520	
< 9th grade	1,408	562	
9th-12th, no diploma	1,642	1,505	
High School graduate	3,306	3,685	
Some college, no degree	1,536	2,030	
Associate Degree	829	1,038	
Bachelor's Degree	1,067	1,173	
Graduate/Prof. Degree	576	527	
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	8,951		
Employment	8,516		
Unemployment	435		
Unemployment Rate	4.9%		
% Employed Outside of RI	20.1%	21.6%	
Language Spoken at Home, 2000			
Population (18-64)	9,925	100.0%	
Speak English	9,865	99.4%	
Speak Spanish	35	0.4%	
Speak Other Indo-European	25	0.3%	
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	-	-	
Speak Other Languages	-	-	

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	222	1,898	\$18,895	258	2,318	\$29,598
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	7	39	\$12,146	8	32	\$20,827
Construction	45	155	\$36,930	55	215	\$37,482
Manufacturing	21	421	\$27,351	21	578	\$39,114
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	5	58	\$10,753	7	96	\$58,580
Wholesale Trade	11	37	\$22,090	29	115	\$63,463
Retail Trade	48	376	\$11,359	39	489	\$13,749
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	10	32	\$16,819	11	28	\$22,648
Services	71	746	\$14,585	88	764	\$22,261

Central Falls

“Small in Size” and “Large in Spirit,” Central Falls is Rhode Island’s smallest city, covering just 1.3 square miles. A growing textile industry attracted a wide variety of immigrants to the area during the nineteenth century and this diversity is reflected in the community today.

Between 1990 and 2000, Central Falls added nearly 1,300 residents, surpassing 18,900 people. In 1990, the community had 1,000 more females than males. Over the next ten years, this difference shrunk to just 100 as the male population increased by 12.9 percent. Central Falls’ Hispanic/Latino residents comprised 47.8 percent of the local population in 2000, growing 76.6 percent during the preceding ten years. Over 26 percent of residents age 18 to 64 primarily speak languages other than English.

In 2002, the Census Bureau estimated that 19,168 people lived in Central Falls, an increase of 240 people from the city’s 2000 Census level. This 1.3 percent gain was the smallest growth rate reported in Northern Rhode Island.

Educational attainment in Central Falls has shown little improvement since 1990. Over 50 percent of local residents age 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma in 2000. The share of residents with a bachelor's degree declined from 4.6 percent in 1990 to 3.8 percent in 2000.

Between 1992 and 2002, 1,569 jobs were lost in Central Falls’ private sector, a 35.1 percent decline. The city’s Manufacturing sector lost more than half of its total employment during this period, slashing 1,401 (-54.0%) jobs. Furthermore, it was the only community in the state to report a loss of Services jobs since 1992, as local sector employment declined by 29.3 (-251) percent.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	17,637	18,928
Male	8,332	9,404
Female	9,305	9,524
16 years +	13,152	13,995
25 years +	10,769	11,157
65 years +	2,632	2,177
White	13,656	10,820
Black/African American	744	1,101
American Indian & Alaskan Native	47	108
Asian & Pacific Islander	136	136
Some other race	3,054	5,367
Two or more races	-	1,396
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	5,119	9,041
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	10,860	11,282
< 9th grade	2,684	2,738
9th-12th, no diploma	3,081	3,003
High School graduate	3,113	3,160
Some college, no degree	967	1,345
Associate Degree	401	392
Bachelor's Degree	496	428
Graduate/Prof. Degree	118	216
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	8,227	
Employment	7,609	
Unemployment	618	
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	
% Employed Outside of RI	18.8%	18.9%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	11,307	100.0%
Speak English	8,324	73.6%
Speak Spanish	2,621	23.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	362	3.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	279	4,471	\$21,155	246	2,902	\$27,372
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	30	114	\$27,189	27	169	\$35,362
Manufacturing	50	2,594	\$24,655	41	1,193	\$33,027
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	6	13	\$12,615	10	26	\$15,767
Wholesale Trade	26	205	\$26,801	15	207	\$28,627
Retail Trade	76	596	\$11,230	74	577	\$15,249
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	8	93	\$22,143	15	122	\$28,422
Services	83	856	\$15,325	63	605	\$25,426

Cumberland

Cumberland, located in the northeastern corner of Rhode Island, offers a rural charm to its residents and visitors. Part of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Cumberland offers acres of green space to cherish and enjoy, including Diamond Hill Park and Valley Falls Heritage Park.

During the 1990's, Cumberland's population increased by 9.6 percent, adding 2,802 people. While the town is mostly composed of White residents, in terms of ethnicity, 667 people of Hispanic/Latino descent made Cumberland their home in 2000. This represented an increase of 227 people over its 1990 level. Overall, Hispanic/Latino residents accounted for 2.1 percent of the local population in 2000. In 2002, the Census Bureau estimated that 33,104 people called Cumberland their home, a 4.0 (+1,264) percent increase over the town's 2000 Census level.

Between 1990 and 2000, the percent of Cumberland residents 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree increased from 15.5 percent to 19.5 percent. The percent of the population with an advanced degree followed a similar trend, increasing three percentage points during this period. Meanwhile, the percent of individuals without a high school diploma fell from over 25 percent in 1990 to 18.6 percent in 2000.

Between 1992 and 2002, private sector employment in Cumberland increased by 2,161 jobs, a 44.1 percent gain. This represented the seventh largest increase (on both an absolute and percentage basis) in the state during this period. Many of these jobs were added in the Services sector (+741), which reported a 67.2 percent increase in employment. Local Construction firms added just over 500 jobs during this period, while Manufacturing jobs increased by 23.8 (+326) percent.

In 2000, 27.4 percent of Cumberland's workforce was employed out of state. This represented the second highest rate in Northern Rhode Island, trailing Woonsocket (35.1%).

Census Demographic Data		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Population		
Total Population	29,038	31,840
Male	13,877	15,177
Female	15,161	16,663
16 years +	23,363	24,973
25 years +	20,026	22,301
65 years +	4,229	5,098
White	28,730	30,803
Black/African American	71	180
American Indian & Alaskan Native	11	25
Asian & Pacific Islander	116	272
Some other race	110	267
Two or more races	-	293
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	440	667
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	20,006	22,377
< 9th grade	2,144	1,731
9th-12th, no diploma	2,926	2,439
High School graduate	5,965	6,059
Some college, no degree	2,729	3,704
Associate Degree	1,737	1,847
Bachelor's Degree	3,099	4,365
Graduate/Prof. Degree	1,406	2,232
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	18,359	
Employment	17,486	
Unemployment	873	
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	
% Employed Outside of RI	27.3%	27.4%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	18,992	100.0%
Speak English	18,492	97.4%
Speak Spanish	163	0.9%
Speak Other Indo-European	304	1.6%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	33	0.2%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	566	4,896	\$21,602	753	7,057	\$28,274
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	10	36	\$20,624	23	96	\$23,776
Construction	93	246	\$26,461	106	749	\$37,376
Manufacturing	43	1,371	\$25,123	48	1,697	\$32,980
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	14	327	\$34,139	21	426	\$42,098
Wholesale Trade	56	189	\$31,091	92	347	\$48,859
Retail Trade	131	1,504	\$16,010	130	1,678	\$15,496
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	36	117	\$21,483	60	211	\$35,057
Services	181	1,103	\$18,490	268	1,844	\$24,302

Glocester

The Town of Glocester, connected to the Connecticut communities of Killingly and Putnam, composes part of Rhode Island's western border. Glocester's environment of forestland and ponds offers a comfortable New England lifestyle just thirty-five minutes away from Providence.

In 1990, 9,227 people made Glocester their home. By 2000, this number had increased 7.8 percent to 9,948 people evenly split between male and female residents. The local population remained predominately composed of English-speaking, White residents during this period as minority groups accounted for just 1.5 percent of the total population in 2000.

In 2002, an estimated 10,283 people lived in Glocester, 3.3 (+335) percent more than reported in the Census in 2000.

Between 1990 and 2000, there was noticeable improvement in the educational attainment of Glocester residents. Of people 25 years and older, 16.8 percent had completed their bachelor's degree and an additional 10.4 percent had an advanced degree. These levels were up from their 1990 levels of 14.8 percent and 8.6 percent respectively. Also, the share of people without a high school diploma fell from 17.2 percent in 1990 to 13.1 percent in 2000.

Between 1992 and 2002, nearly 200 private sector jobs were added in Glocester. Businesses in Retail Trade (+75), Services (+49), Construction (+48), and Transportation, Communications, & Public Utilities (+35) contributed to this 24.1 percent increase. Local employers in the Manufacturing (-25) and Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate (-22) sectors reported job losses during this period.

In 2000, 13.5 percent of the local workforce commuted out of state for employment, an increase of two percentage points over its 1990 level.

Census Demographic Data		
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Population		
Total Population	9,227	9,948
Male	4,556	4,974
Female	4,671	4,974
16 years +	6,939	7,584
25 years +	5,854	6,646
65 years +	797	915
White	9,162	9,797
Black/African American	33	34
American Indian & Alaskan Native	13	15
Asian & Pacific Islander	16	24
Some other race	3	10
Two or more races	-	68
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	46	65
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	5,854	6,607
< 9th grade	297	238
9th-12th, no diploma	708	628
High School graduate	1,915	1,963
Some college, no degree	1,044	1,426
Associate Degree	519	556
Bachelor's Degree	865	1,112
Graduate/Prof. Degree	506	684
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	5,668	
Employment	5,435	
Unemployment	233	
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	
% Employed Outside of RI	11.5%	13.5%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	6,358	100.0%
Speak English	6,352	99.9%
Speak Spanish	-	-
Speak Other Indo-European	6	0.1%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	-	-
Speak Other Languages	-	-

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	126	789	\$18,572	155	979	\$24,583
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	4	8	\$10,677	7	27	\$21,838
Construction	28	63	\$23,071	38	111	\$33,733
Manufacturing	8	50	\$22,606	7	25	\$31,974
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	7	30	\$12,791	13	65	\$29,024
Wholesale Trade	6	8	\$24,444	10	17	\$39,037
Retail Trade	31	230	\$12,754	25	305	\$13,480
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	10	48	\$29,336	7	26	\$59,152
Services	30	350	\$20,181	46	399	\$26,799

Lincoln

Once a farm-based community and later an early participant in America's industrialization, Lincoln's economy has since diversified into various economic sectors. It offers a wide variety of recreational and outdoor activities and plays host to the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI).

Between 1990 and 2000, Lincoln's total population increased by 15.8 (+2,853) percent, the fifth highest percentage gain in Rhode Island. The community's Asian & Pacific Islander population, Lincoln's largest racial minority group, nearly doubled in size during this period. The Hispanic/Latino population increased by 87 percent to 343 people in 2000.

Since 2000, Lincoln's population has continued to grow at a steady pace. An estimated 21,971 people made the community their home in 2002. This 5.1 (+1,073) percent increase over the town's 2000 Census level was the largest reported in Northern Rhode Island and the second largest in the state as a whole, trailing only West Greenwich (+8.3%).

Improvements in the educational attainment levels of Lincoln residents 25 years and older was notable during the period. The number of residents with college degrees increased by more than 1,500 (41.0%), while the share of residents without a high school diploma decreased by 5.7 percentage points.

Between 1992 and 2002, Lincoln's private sector added the fourth highest number of jobs in the state, increasing employment by nearly 3,600 (+45.3%) jobs. More than 2,400 Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate jobs were added to the local economy during this period, mainly attributable to the relocation of a large insurance firm from Providence in the late 1990's. Services employment also grew, adding 1,172 (+66.8%) jobs. These gains offset significant job losses in the local Manufacturing (-344) sector.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	18,045	20,898
Male	8,553	9,946
Female	9,492	10,952
16 years +	14,637	16,311
25 years +	12,613	14,515
65 years +	3,240	3,444
White	17,735	19,967
Black/African American	41	176
American Indian & Alaskan Native	14	16
Asian & Pacific Islander	189	368
Some other race	66	134
Two or more races	-	237
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	183	343
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	12,647	14,462
< 9th grade	1,077	1,040
9th-12th, no diploma	1,945	1,598
High School graduate	3,736	3,750
Some college, no degree	2,037	2,644
Associate Degree	998	1,102
Bachelor's Degree	1,759	2,432
Graduate/Prof. Degree	1,095	1,896
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	11,353	
Employment	10,855	
Unemployment	498	
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	
% Employed Outside of RI	16.8%	15.7%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	12,335	100.0%
Speak English	12,177	98.7%
Speak Spanish	10	0.1%
Speak Other Indo-European	117	0.9%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	-	-
Speak Other Languages	31	0.3%

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	565	7,936	\$23,578	665	11,534	\$36,654
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	9	32	\$20,108	12	43	\$30,505
Construction	76	258	\$28,870	88	540	\$41,947
Manufacturing	66	2,932	\$27,842	54	2,588	\$36,875
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	26	700	\$32,223	22	674	\$41,733
Wholesale Trade	50	365	\$31,498	78	486	\$47,249
Retail Trade	135	1,476	\$10,970	91	1,426	\$20,964
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	44	401	\$33,287	65	2,841	\$48,078
Services	148	1,755	\$18,957	247	2,927	\$29,313

North Smithfield

North Smithfield is located along Route 146, which connects the Providence and Worcester areas. Originally an agricultural community, North Smithfield took advantage of its surrounding waters and industrialized. Economic and population growth soon resulted from villages sprouting around newly established mills. Today, North Smithfield's economy is composed of a variety of businesses, particularly in the Retail Trade and Services sectors.

North Smithfield's population changed little between 1990 and 2000. Just 121 people, mostly female, were added to the local population during this period. By 2000, 10,618 people made North Smithfield their home. According to the Census Bureau, the community's total population surpassed 10,900 people in 2002.

Significant change has occurred in local educational attainment figures. In 1990, 28.5 percent of residents 25 years and older did not have a high school diploma. By 2000, this number had fallen to 17.8 percent. More than 35 percent of North Smithfield residents had a college degree in 2000, while an additional 19 percent reported the completion of some post-high school education.

Since 1992, North Smithfield's private employers have added 539 jobs to the local economy, a 16.4 percent increase. Much of this gain was reported in the Retail Trade (+634) sector. Local employment in both the Retail Trade and Construction (+193) sectors more than doubled between 1992 and 2002. North Smithfield's Services jobs also increased, reporting a gain of 237 (+25.1%) jobs. These gains offset job losses in Manufacturing (-582) and Wholesale Trade (-51).

In 2000, an estimated 22.3 percent of North Smithfield's workforce commuted out of state for employment, the eighth highest rate reported in Rhode Island.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	10,497	10,618
Male	5,033	5,042
Female	5,464	5,576
16 years +	8,489	8,528
25 years +	7,314	7,639
65 years +	1,851	1,912
White	10,397	10,440
Black/African American	17	45
American Indian & Alaskan Native	5	22
Asian & Pacific Islander	69	55
Some other race	9	8
Two or more races	-	48
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	56	50
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	7,314	7,676
< 9th grade	927	492
9th-12th, no diploma	1,159	877
High School graduate	2,061	2,070
Some college, no degree	1,038	1,491
Associate Degree	610	756
Bachelor's Degree	963	1,289
Graduate/Prof. Degree	556	701
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	5,790	
Employment	5,517	
Unemployment	273	
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	
% Employed Outside of RI	18.9%	22.3%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	6,294	100.0%
Speak English	6,242	99.2%
Speak Spanish	10	0.2%
Speak Other Indo-European	31	0.5%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	-	-
Speak Other Languages	11	0.2%

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	271	3,279	\$23,330	336	3,818	\$29,190
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	8	51	\$21,029	11	82	\$27,958
Construction	53	119	\$22,331	54	312	\$36,393
Manufacturing	17	1,216	\$28,600	30	634	\$38,030
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	12	165	\$21,748	14	166	\$25,936
Wholesale Trade	21	248	\$32,164	33	197	\$44,011
Retail Trade	56	466	\$10,696	59	1,100	\$19,912
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	13	42	\$25,239	23	100	\$40,434
Services	88	944	\$20,644	111	1,181	\$27,760

Pawtucket

Its strategic location along the falls of the Blackstone River and upper tidewaters of Narragansett Bay made Pawtucket a logical choice for Samuel Slater to build his famous mill in 1793, sparking America's Industrial Revolution. Faced with a declining manufacturing base during recent years, Pawtucket has become home to numerous trade and service-based employers. The city plays host to the Pawtucket Red Sox, the AAA affiliate of their Boston namesake, at McCoy Stadium.

Between 1990 and 2000, Pawtucket (+314) experienced minor population growth. However, local racial and ethnic diversity expanded significantly during this period as the number of Black/African-American and Hispanic/Latino residents doubled in size. Nearly 10 percent of the population age 18 to 64 primarily spoke languages other than English in 2000.

Pawtucket's population continues to grow at a slower pace than the state as a whole, totaling an estimated 74,033 people in 2002. Since the 2000 Census, the city's population has grown by just 1.5 percent (+1,075), compared to 2.0 percent throughout Rhode Island. Pawtucket remains the fourth most populated community in the Ocean State.

The share of Pawtucket residents 25 years and older holding advanced degrees rose from 4.1 percent in 1990 to 5.5 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, the percent of residents without a high school diploma declined from 38.4 percent to 33.8 percent.

Between 1992 and 2002, Pawtucket lost more private sector jobs than any other Ocean State community. During this period, employers slashed more than 3,200 jobs, an 11.0 percent decline. Local Manufacturing employment fell by 32.7 percent, losing 4,424 jobs. Significant job losses were also reported in Retail Trade (-1,038) and Wholesale Trade (-815). Job gains in the Services (+1,937), Construction (+599), and Transportation, Communications, & Public Utilities (+535) sectors partially offset some of these losses.

Census Demographic Data			
	1990	2000	
Population			
Total Population	72,644	72,958	
Male	34,167	34,600	
Female	38,477	38,358	
16 years +	57,701	56,657	
25 years +	48,394	48,189	
65 years +	11,854	10,828	
White	64,836	55,004	
Black/African American	2,608	5,334	
American Indian & Alaskan Native	203	217	
Asian & Pacific Islander	472	663	
Some other race	4,525	7,841	
Two or more races	-	3,899	
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	5,211	10,141	
Educational Attainment			
Population (25+)	48,604	48,132	
< 9th grade	8,058	6,280	
9th-12th, no diploma	10,593	9,989	
High School graduate	14,684	14,439	
Some college, no degree	6,324	7,341	
Associate Degree	2,595	3,212	
Bachelor's Degree	4,357	4,226	
Graduate/Prof. Degree	1,993	2,645	
Labor Force Data			
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	39,947		
Employment	37,501		
Unemployment	2,446		
Unemployment Rate	6.1%		
% Employed Outside of RI	18.2%	23.1%	
Language Spoken at Home, 2000			
Population (18-64)	44,033	100.0%	
Speak English	39,727	90.2%	
Speak Spanish	2,325	5.3%	
Speak Other Indo-European	1,855	4.2%	
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	96	0.2%	
Speak Other Languages	30	0.1%	

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	1,617	29,396	\$23,206	1,519	26,167	\$32,601
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	18	30	\$17,067	19	48	\$23,079
Construction	149	519	\$27,781	152	1,118	\$43,536
Manufacturing	248	13,527	\$26,050	200	9,103	\$39,193
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	55	654	\$25,730	63	1,189	\$35,757
Wholesale Trade	113	1,638	\$25,161	109	823	\$37,039
Retail Trade	387	4,784	\$15,794	324	3,746	\$20,032
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	99	1,091	\$26,533	97	1,155	\$36,680
Services	540	7,134	\$20,946	569	9,071	\$28,315

Smithfield

Smithfield has changed greatly since its days as an agriculture and textile center. Although still known for its abundance of apple orchards, Smithfield has expanded its economic interests into the Finance, Trade, and Services sectors. The community is also home to Bryant College, a nationally recognized private business school.

Between 1990 and 2000, the community's population increased by 7.6 percent. In 1990, 19,163 people made Smithfield their home. By 2000, this number had increased to over 20,600 - a gain of 1,450 people. Throughout this period, Smithfield remained predominately composed of White residents, accounting for 97 percent of the population in 2000. In 2002, the Census Bureau estimated that Smithfield's population had increased to 21,138 people, 2.5 (+525) percent higher than the town's 2000 Census level.

Of the local population 25 years and older, 14.6 percent did not have a high school diploma in 2000, down from 19.2 percent in 1990. During this period, the number of people with an advanced degree increased from 8.6 percent in 1990 to 11.6 percent in 2000.

Since the late 1990's, Smithfield's private sector employment has increased rapidly, particularly since the establishment and expansion of a large security broker and dealer firm. The town's addition of 3,850 jobs between 1992 and 2002 was the third largest increase (on an absolute basis) in the state, trailing only the more urban cities of Warwick (+7,734) and Cranston (+5,227). On a percentage basis, this 57.1 percent increase was the fourth largest reported in Rhode Island. Since 1992, local Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate firms have added 1,555 jobs, while Retail Trade (+1,519) businesses increased employment by a similar amount. During this period, Manufacturing (-736) was the only major sector to experience an overall decline in local employment, reporting a 33.6 percent drop in the size of its workforce.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	19,163	20,613
Male	9,280	10,043
Female	9,883	10,570
16 years +	15,673	17,084
25 years +	11,600	13,471
65 years +	2,498	3,429
White	18,886	20,066
Black/African American	105	165
American Indian & Alaskan Native	24	25
Asian & Pacific Islander	128	186
Some other race	20	26
Two or more races	-	145
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	113	191
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	11,600	13,479
< 9th grade	803	589
9th-12th, no diploma	1,426	1,374
High School graduate	3,643	3,722
Some college, no degree	1,991	2,630
Associate Degree	809	1,278
Bachelor's Degree	1,935	2,321
Graduate/Prof. Degree	993	1,565
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	11,324	
Employment	10,881	
Unemployment	443	
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	
% Employed Outside of RI	11.3%	11.6%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	13,219	100.0%
Speak English	13,155	99.5%
Speak Spanish	37	0.3%
Speak Other Indo-European	23	0.2%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	4	0.0%
Speak Other Languages	-	-

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	582	6,737	\$21,180	728	10,587	\$36,237
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	16	27	\$18,777	23	55	\$22,532
Construction	100	519	\$30,337	121	866	\$51,186
Manufacturing	93	2,190	\$24,627	76	1,454	\$37,777
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	8	67	\$21,422	17	123	\$35,435
Wholesale Trade	45	313	\$26,920	74	635	\$46,676
Retail Trade	121	1,425	\$11,784	155	2,944	\$18,212
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	31	245	\$19,563	47	1,800	\$62,431
Services	162	1,944	\$21,060	210	2,783	\$30,911

Woonsocket

Woonsocket, a major center of textile manufacturing during the 19th century, has evolved into a service-based economy in recent years. The community serves as the headquarters of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and is home to the Museum of Work and Culture. Located within the Boston-Worcester-Providence triangle, Woonsocket is a convenient location for business and residence.

Between 1990 and 2000, Woonsocket's total population declined by 653 (-1.5%) people. The loss of 5,000 White residents was partially offset by gains in Woonsocket's minority population. The Black/African American community increased by 65.8 percent and the Asian & Pacific Islander population grew by 35.1 percent. In terms of ethnicity, the Hispanic/Latino population tripled in size, accounting for 9.3 percent of the population in 2000. According to the Census Bureau, an estimated 43,879 people made Woonsocket their home in 2002.

Woonsocket residents reported some improvement in their educational attainment levels. In 2000, 64 percent of the local population (25 years and older) had a high school diploma or greater, up from 56 percent in 1990. However, just 7.1 percent of residents had a bachelor's degree and 3.1 percent an advanced degree in 2000. An additional 16.7 percent reported the completion of some college-level courses.

Woonsocket was one of six communities to report a decline in private sector employment between 1992 and 2002, as local firms cut 737 (-5.3%) jobs. Manufacturing accounted for much of this loss, slashing nearly half (-1,838) of its total employment. Partially offsetting these losses were job gains in the Retail Trade (+542), Services (+373), and Construction (+126) sectors.

In 2000, 35.1 percent of local residents were employed out of state, the highest rate reported in Northern Rhode Island.

Census Demographic Data		
	1990	2000
Population		
Total Population	43,877	43,224
Male	20,647	20,622
Female	23,230	22,602
16 years +	34,424	33,181
25 years +	28,398	28,078
65 years +	7,124	6,589
White	40,939	35,935
Black/African American	1,158	1,920
American Indian & Alaskan Native	77	139
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,309	1,769
Some other race	394	2,102
Two or more races	-	1,359
Hispanic/Latino (of any race)	1,156	4,030
Educational Attainment		
Population (25+)	28,426	28,109
< 9th grade	5,677	3,855
9th-12th, no diploma	6,777	6,277
High School graduate	8,568	8,982
Some college, no degree	3,247	4,703
Associate Degree	1,564	1,442
Bachelor's Degree	1,766	1,991
Graduate/Prof. Degree	827	859
Labor Force Data		
Civilian Labor Force, December 2003	22,118	
Employment	20,780	
Unemployment	1,338	
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	
% Employed Outside of RI	28.6%	35.1%
Language Spoken at Home, 2000		
Population (18-64)	25,501	100.0%
Speak English	24,238	95.0%
Speak Spanish	613	2.4%
Speak Other Indo-European	214	0.8%
Speak Asian/Pacific Island	368	1.4%
Speak Other Languages	68	0.3%

Private Sector Employment	1992			2002		
	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage	Number of Units	Average Employment	Average Wage
Total, Private Sector	935	13,991	\$22,245	843	13,254	\$31,772
Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	12	41	\$12,434	12	31	\$23,525
Construction	78	146	\$22,646	62	272	\$32,680
Manufacturing	116	3,714	\$23,580	79	1,876	\$33,964
Transport., Comm. & Public Utilities	20	331	\$28,807	18	291	\$32,555
Wholesale Trade	60	406	\$24,528	68	443	\$37,532
Retail Trade	270	4,805	\$21,392	221	5,347	\$34,319
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65	460	\$27,827	62	518	\$38,042
Services	312	4,088	\$20,725	310	4,461	\$26,459

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Mining employment on the city/town level is not disclosed in this report due to its limited size. In 1992, Rhode Island's private Mining employers reported 187 jobs statewide. In 2002, this number had increased to 223 jobs. Non-classified employment is also not included.

Educational Attainment data refers to the number/percent of people 25 years and older.

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